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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT SADAT.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ONCE AGAIN I OWE YOU MY DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THE TIMELY AND
POSITIVE EFFORTS MADE BY YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT
OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF
AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS OUT OF BEIRUT TO
SAFETY. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED NOT ONLY
WITH THE WELLBEING OF OUR CITIZENS BUT ALSO WITH THE
DIFFICULTIES WE ENCOUNTERED TEMPORARILY WHEN ATTEMPTING TO
TAKE THEM OUT BY ROAD CONVOY TO DAMASCUS.

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WITH A GROWING RECORD OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION IN MANY

AREAS, I TRUST THAT EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESTORE
PEACE AND STABILITY TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
GERALD R. FORD KISSINGER

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